

# NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR Skellern Annual Lecture & Lifetime Achievement Award 2025

**HOLD THE DATE**  
**Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**5.30-9pm**  
**at the**  
**University of Manchester**

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Eileen Skellern was a pioneer who championed mental health nursing, service improvements, patient and person-centred leadership. The ability to influence change and challenge convention was a key role Skellern had in establishing the profession of nursing, alongside more traditionally acknowledged psychiatric convention. Today we continue to celebrate mental health advancements and personal achievements through the annual Skellern lecture, and Lifetime Achievement Award, which was started in 1982.

## NOMINATIONS

Nominees for both the Skellern Lecture, and Lifetime Achievement awards have historically tended to come mainly from a core mental health nursing background, but in the spirit of Eileen Skellern's vision for an intra-disciplinary approach to mental health, nominations from a variety of backgrounds are welcomed.

- Who would you like to see recognised for their contribution to mental health experiences?
- Who has drawn from their own personal lived experiences, implementing innovative practice changes and improvements, campaigning and championing policy and research advancements?

We particularly welcome nominations from diverse and under represented communities from across our global society; those who have overcome adversity to achieve advancements in mental health care at home in the UK, and/or overseas.

If you wish to nominate someone, you are asked to first check with the person you wish to be nominated to ensure

- a) they are happy for their name to go forward, and
- b) that they can fulfil the commitments listed below

**ES lecture** nominees are asked for a title & synopsis of their lecture/speech (no more than 300 words). A headshot photograph can also be submitted.

**Lifetime Achievement** nominees are asked to provide a short biography (150-300). A headshot photograph can also be submitted.

This information is then forwarded to the appointments committee panel.

All nominations can be informally discussed and then submissions sent to any of the following:

- Sally Hardy [s.hardy@uea.ac.uk](mailto:s.hardy@uea.ac.uk)
- Gary Winship [gary.winship@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:gary.winship@nottingham.ac.uk)
- Catherine Gamble [cmgamble101@gmail.com](mailto:cmgamble101@gmail.com)

## VOTING

The appointments panel will undertake an independent vote for awardees. The Panel consists of former recipients, sponsors, student representatives and organisers of the ES & Lifetime Award. Each year the past years' awardees are added to the voting panel and invited back to present a hand over to the new award recipients.

The panel members individually make their vote for the candidates, by ranking each nominee (eg 1,2,3,4,5) - voting separately for each award. The candidate with the lowest score in each short list is appointed. The voting matrix is available only to panel members. In the event of a panel member being nominated that panel member will not be able vote for that appointment.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Nominations Skellern Lecturer & Lifetime Award closing date: **30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Panel voting takes place : **7<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Nominations and Event Announcements will be made at the MHNAUK Conference dinner:  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 MHNAUK hold a meeting the following day 6<sup>th</sup> June at University of Manchester.

*This year's Skellern Announcements will be made over social media.*

## VENUE HOSTS.

Host Organisations have prerogative to nominate a locally significant award, and to invite local stakeholders/dignitaries to say a few words as part of the evenings welcome events schedule.

The Skellern evenings have been taking place since 1982 and are memorable events where mental health is challenged, critiqued and celebrated.

For further information refer to the website: <http://www.skellern.info>

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Skellern Lecturer 2024 - Ada Hui | Lifetime Award 2024 - Sean Duggan



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